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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE

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SUMMARY: STATUS REPORT ON CODEL PRICE PREPARATIONS. REQUEST FOR VARIOUS GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER WEEK OF HAND-WRINGING OVER CRITICAL HOTEL SITUATION IN RIYADH, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS OBTAINED FIVE SUITES, (TWO PERSONS EACH), SEVENTEEN DOUBLES AND TEN SINGLES FOR CODEL AND AIRCREW. ONE SUITE WILL BE USED AS CONTROL ROOM AND WILL ACCOMMODATE EMBASSY OFFICERS; AFTER ASSIGNING ONE SUITE TO CONGRESSMAN PRICE, REMAINING ROOMS WILL ACCOMMODATE TOTAL OF FIFTY INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING AIR CREW. REQUEST SUGGESTED ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR DOUBLES, AND ANY SPECIAL PROXIMITY REQUIREMENTS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ALL ROOMS WILL BE ON SAME FLOOR. OWING TO COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES WITH RIYADH, ANME OF HOTEL AND COST OF ROOMS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

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2. MINISTER OF DEFENSE SULTAN WILL BE AWAY ON ONE MONTH'S

VACATION. DEPUTY MINDEF TURKI WILL HOST CODEL.

3. SCHEDULE CHANGES (REF A):

- A. FEBRUARY 12 RECEPTION CANCELLED; MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WILL HOST DINNER EVENING FEBRUARY 12, TIME TO BE DETERMINED.
- B. CANCEL FEBRUARY 13 DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE SULTAN. SUBSTITUTE DINNER AT USMTM MESS HALL.
- C. FEBRUARY 13 MORNING CALLS LIKELY TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CALL ON PRINCE FAHAD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD, WHO IS BOTH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR. THIS WILL EXTEND CALLS UNTIL 1300.
- D. AS NOTED REF SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE; SHIPPING OPPORTUNITIES, TOURS, AND MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO RESCHEDULING AS REQUIRED FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF OFFICIAL CALLS.

4. IN ADDITION TO TWENTY CONGRESSMEN AND TWO COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS, AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL WILL INCLUDE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAURY AND MAJOR GENERAL MAGLIONE. OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL UNFORTUNATELY BE EXCLUDED.

5. IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL LIMITATION PLACED UPON DEPARTMENT, WILL TRAVEL OF EMBASSY OFFICERS AND ONE FSL REQUIRED TO HANDLE VISIT BE CHARGED TO ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE 19FT510 FUNDS?

6. UNDERSTAND CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN OF HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING CODEL. IS CONGRESSMAN AUTHORIZED 19FT510 FUNDS AND IF SO, CHARGEABLE TO WHICH COMMITTEE?

7. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON PRESS CONTACTS. IN VIEW LIGHT FRIDAY MORNING SCHEDULE, THIS WOULD OFFER BEST OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRESS FOR DEPARTING STATEMENT.

8. EARLY PHONE CONVERSATION WITH USAF COL. FRYE INDICATED ALL MEMBERS WOULD HAVE VISAS UPON ARRIVAL. ASSUME THIS APPLIES TO LATE ADDITIONS TO GROUP AS WELL.
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